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## **Earling discharging wastewater in Shelby County**

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EARLING – With one lift station pump out for repair, the city of Earling's remaining pump failed, sending untreated wastewater from the pumping station into Mosquito Creek.

The city has been bypassing about 100 gallons per minute since 6 p.m. Thursday night.

City staff are working with a contractor to replace the failed pump and repair the other. They hope to stop the bypass Friday morning.

Residents should keep children, pets and livestock out of the creek until 24 or 48 hours after the discharge ends.

DNR will be monitoring the response and cleanup.